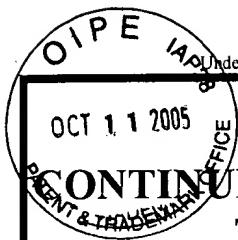


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**REQUEST****FOR****CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

<i>Application Number</i>	09/371,769
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1.	Submission required under CFR 1.114.
a.	<input type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)</li> <li>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on</li> <li>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other</li> </ul>
b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Amendment</li> <li>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)</li> <li>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)</li> <li>iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other</li> </ul>
2.	Miscellaneous
a.	<input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of ___ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(l) required)
b.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
3.	<b>Fees</b> The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed. <p style="text-align: right;">10/13/2005 HDESTA1 00000069 500320 09371769 01 FC:1801 790.00 OP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to <b>Deposit Account No. 50-0320.</b></li> <li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check in the amount of <b>\$4,360.00</b> is enclosed for the following:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) - <b>\$770.00</b></li> <li>ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) - <b>\$1,590.00</b> for four (4) month EOT</li> <li>iii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <b>Fee FOR ADDED CLAIMS - 40 INDEPENDENT CLAIMS x \$50/CLAIM = \$2,000.00</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)</li> </ul>

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